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TALKING POINTS FOR BOWDLER-POLLACK MISSION:

1. PRIOR TO SUB-GROUP IV WE WANTED TO CONSULT WITH YOU ON VARIOUS ISSUES WHICH WE THINK WILL COME UP IN THAT MEETING.
2. THREE OF THE SUB-GROUPS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR WORK. SINCE THERE DID NOT EMERGE FROM THESE MEETINGS ANY CLEAR INDICATION OF WHAT THE MECHANISM MIGHT BE FOR CARRYING FORWARD AN EXPANDED COOPERATION PROGRAM ON S/T, WE THOUGHT IT USEFUL TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH CERTAIN COUNTRIES ON THIS MATTER BEFORE SUB-GROUP IV MEETS.
3. ON THE BASIS OF THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WG AND THE SUB-GROUPS, CERTAIN TENTATIVE IDEAS ARE EMERGING IN THE UNITED STATES ON WHAT AN APPROPRIATE MECHANISM MIGHT BE. WE AGREE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IT SHOULD BE AT THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL AND BELIEVE THAT IT SHOULD BE AN ENTITY TO DEAL WITH IMPORTANT ISSUES IN APPLIED SCIENCE AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. IT SHOULD ALSO BE AN ENTITY IN WHICH THE L.A. STATES CAN MEET ALONE TO DISCUSS THEIR APPROACH TO PROBLEMS AS WELL AS A FORUM IN WHICH THE U.S., AND POSSIBLY OTHER COUNTRIES, CAN CONSIDER THESE PROBLEMS JOINTLY.

4. OUR THINKING IS MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF:

- ... A COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON APPLIED SCIENCE AND
- THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY MADE UP OF OFFICIAL
- REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL THE GOVERNMENTS. ILLUSTRATIVELY, THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE WOULD:
- -- EXCHANGE PLANS AND INFORMATION AND DEVELOP
- RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS TO:
- SUPPORT EFFORTS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO
- STRENGTHEN THEIR INTERNAL INFRA-STRUCTURE.

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- INCREASE ACCESS TO AND UTILIZATION OF THE
- POTENTIAL OF THE MORE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.
- IMPROVE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND MECHANICS
- FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW TECHNICAL INSTITUTES
- OR LABORATORIES TO SOLVE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS

-- IN LATIN AMERICA.

-- -- PROVIDE POLICY GUIDANCE AND PROGRAM OVER-
-- SIGHT TO THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND THE
-- EXPERT GROUPS.

-- ... A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF EXPERT PROFES-
-- SIONALS ACTIVE IN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AND
-- INDUSTRY CHOSEN BY THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE.
-- ILLUSTRATIVELY, IT WOULD:

-- -- IDENTIFY AND PROPOSE SOLUTIONS TO OBSTACLES
-- TO THE DEVELOPMENT, TRANSFER AND UTILIZATION
-- OF TECHNOLOGY.

-- -- SEEK WAYS TO IMPROVE THE ABILITY OF NATIONAL
-- R AND D INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO
-- THE PRODUCTIVE SECTOR.

-- -- LOOK FOR WAYS TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVE
-- DEMAND FOR LOCAL R AND D BY THE PRODUCTIVE
-- SECTOR.

-- -- EVALUATE SPECIFIC ALTERNATIVES TO BETTER INTE-
-- GRATE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INTO SOCIAL AND
-- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

-- -- FIND WAYS TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE
-- SOCIAL VALUE OF TECHNOLOGY.

-- -- PROVIDE A MEANS FOR DIRECT DISCUSSIONS AMONG
-- PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EXPERT PROFESSIONALS.

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-- -- RECOMMEND TECHNICAL EXPERTS FOR THE AD HOC
-- SPECIAL GROUPS AND THE SUBJECTS THEY WOULD
-- DISCUSS.

-- ... AD HOC SPECIAL GROUPS COMPOSED OF HIGHLY SPECIAL-
-- IZED EXPERTS IN SPECIFIC FIELDS TO CONSIDER CON-
-- CRETE PROBLEMS ON EITHER A FUNCTIONAL OR GEO-
-- GRAPHIC BASIS. IT WOULD, FOR INSTANCE:

-- -- EXAMINE SPECIFIC PLANT, INDUSTRY OR SECTOR
-- PROBLEMS IN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AND INDUS-
-- TRIES AND SUGGEST PRACTICAL STEPS TO OVERCOME
-- OBSTACLES TO THE FLOW, DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF
-- TECHNOLOGY IN THE INDUSTRIALIZATION PROCESS.

-- -- STIMULATE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ACTUAL
-- INNOVATORS AND CREATORS OF TECHNOLOGY AND
-- THE USERS BY WORKING TOGETHER TO DEVELOP
-- SOLUTIONS TO PRACTICAL PROBLEMS.

-- -- SPUR THE SEARCH FOR NEW, APPROPRIATE TECH-
-- NOLOGY IN CRITICAL SECTORS SUCH AS ENERGY,
-- FOOD TECHNOLOGY, MARINE SCIENCES AND LABOR
-- INTENSIVE INDUSTRY.

5. THE STAFFING AND FUNDING OF THIS MECHANISM RAISES
ISSUES WHICH MUST BE STUDIED VERY CAREFULLY. IT COULD BE
A COMPLETELY NEW ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE INTER-AMERICAN
SYSTEM, BUT SEPARATE FROM ANY EXISTING ORGANISM. OR THE
COORDINATING COMMITTEE COULD ALSO MAINTAIN ITS SEPARATE
IDENTITY BUT FUNCTION WITHIN A COMPLETELY RE-ORIENTED AND
RESTRUCTURED OAS. THIS QUESTION IS ONE THAT DOES NOT HAVE
TO BE DECIDED RIGHT AWAY, BUT WE SHOULD KEEP IT IN MIND.

6. THE PROLIFERATION OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
IS A MATTER OF INCREASING CONCERN TO OUR GOVERNMENTS; AND,
THEREFORE, WE SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THE POSSIBILITY OF USING
AN EXISTING FRAMEWORK. WE IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MAY FIND
OURSELVES UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE IN OUR GOVERNMENT ON
THIS POINT.

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7. THESE, THEN, ARE OUR CURRENT VIEWS. WE WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN YOUR VIEWS. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT BY SUCH
AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HERE AND IN THE OTHER CAPITALS WE
CAN ENHANCE THE PROGRESS WE WILL MAKE IN CARRYING
FORWARD OUR COOPERATIVE EFFORT IN THE FORTHCOMING SUB-
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